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AIR FREIGHT UP 13% IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 -- Air freight traffic increased 13.0 percent in August, compared with August a year ago, and was up 11.4 percent for the first eight months of this year for the 21 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in August rose 8.9 percent. Mail increased 0.7 percent. Total domestic cargo, including freight and mail, registered a gain of 7.1 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in August was up 18.1 percent. Mail rose 1.6 percent, and total cargo increased 16.4 percent.

In the first eight months of the year, domestic air freight had a gain of 8.9 percent. Mail increased 4.7 percent, and total cargo was up 7.9 percent.

International air freight in the first eight months rose 14.5 percent. Mail was flat at 0.0 percent, and total cargo increased 12.8 percent.

Note: Along with the attached table of August cargo data, a corrected July table is also attached.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
AUGUST 1987	368,629	96,586	465,215	323,445	33,296	356,741	692,074	821,956
AUGUST 1986	338,652	95,868	434,520	273,798	32,778	306,576	612,450	741,096
PERCENT CHANGE	8.9	0.7	7.1	18.1	1.6	16.4	13.0	10.9
8 MONTHS 1987	2,731,546	814,932	3,546,478	2,370,405	266,979	2,637,384	5,101,951	6,183,862
8 MONTHS 1986	2,507,326	778,360	3,285,686	2,070,574	267,095	2,337,669	4,577,900	5,623,355
PERCENT CHANGE	8.9	4.7	7.9	14.5	(0.0)	12.8	11.4	10.0

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.

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JULY	1987	363,510	98,096	461,606	336,154	33,605	369,759	699,664	831,365
JULY	1986	321,734	94,625	416,359	285,982	32,310	318,292	607,716	734,651
PERCENT CHANGE		13.0	3.7	10.9	17.5	4.0	16.2	15.1	13.2
7 MONTHS	1987	2,362,917	718,346	3,081,263	2,046,960	233,683	2,280,643	4,409,877	5,361,906
7 MONTHS	1986	2,168,674	682,492	2,851,166	1,796,776	234,317	2,031,093	3,965,450	4,882,259
PERCENT CHANGE		9.0	5.3	8.1	13.9	(0.3)	12.3	11.2	9.8

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